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plate. The visual information of Bantli is static or fixed and cannot be changed, as seen in Figure 3 (item 26) and described in column 5, lines 11-17 as a conventional license plate containing visual information 26. Bantli cannot receive and store vehicle identification and then display the information on its plate. Hoffman and Bantli, singly or in combination, do not teach or suggest the present invention.

Furthermore, the combination of Hoffman and Bantli is inoperable and destroys the intent, purpose, and/or function of Hoffman. The reader 16 of Hoffman is not capable of receiving wireless communication and the data carrier card 45 of Hoffman would not be able to transfer information to the wireless system of Bantli. An attempt to combine Hoffman and Bantli would generate a nonfunctioning system for a vehicle.

The combination suggested by the Examiner destroys the intent, purpose, and/or function of the invention disclosed in Hoffman. The intent, purpose, and function of Hoffman are focused on using data cards 45 carried by consumers, as disclosed in column 2, lines 5-57. To eliminate the data cards of Hoffman would destroy the system of Hoffman, as the Hoffman system's functions depend on the data card. The CCPA and Federal Circuit have consistently held that an obviousness rejection based on a modification that destroys the intent, purpose or function of the invention disclosed in a reference is not proper and a prima facie case of obviousness cannot be properly made. *In re Gordon* 733 F.2d 900, 221.

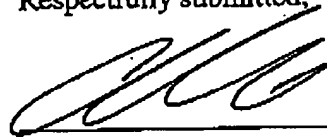
#### Conclusion

The entire Office Action dated March 24, 2004 has been carefully reviewed, and this response is submitted as being fully responsive thereto. In view of the preceding remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-21 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request such action at the Examiner's earliest convenience. If the Examiner believes that personal contact would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, he is requested to call the undersigned at his earliest convenience.

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Respectfully submitted,



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